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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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FOR FURTHER ACTION
See paragraph 2 below

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
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☐ a sequence listing
☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material
☐ in written format
☐ in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing
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☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
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3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V **Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	YES
	Claims 1 - 10	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	YES
	Claims 1 - 10	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1 - 10	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Novelty (N) and Inventive Step (IS)

The claimed invention is not novel and inventive when compared with the following document mentioned in the International Search Report.

D1) US 5175971

D1 with regard to claim 1 discloses a multifunction pole comprising:

- a) a base assembly (30 in figure 8))
- b) an upper assembly (20 in figure 8)
- c) a beam (230 in figure 6)
- d) an enclosure structure (220 in figure 6)
- e) a track (226 in figure 6)

D1 does not disclose that the enclosure structure is releasably connected to the beam as defined in claim 1. It is considered that this difference is an inessential feature as it does not appear to contribute to the invention.

The additional features mentioned in the claims 2 – 10 are either disclosed in D1 or are considered to be minor variations of the prior art which do not significantly contribute to the working of the invention.

Accordingly claims 1 – 10 are not novel and considered to lack an inventive step.